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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (New) A storage and distribution device (D) for parts such as rivets comprising:

a body (100) equipped with zones (100') to accommodate storage cartridges (200) for the parts,

wherein the body comprises at least one moving distribution head (300);

wherein the mobile head is associated to a number of distribution tubes (310) whose diameter corresponds to the diameter of the parts to be distributed;

wherein the parts are moved by a transport fluid; and

wherein the moving distribution head unitarily collects and evacuates the parts stored in the cartridge (200) in front of which it positions itself.

9. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, wherein the mobile head (300) is associated to a logic structure (400) creating a displacement plane of the said head (300) in front of the said cartridges (200).

10. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, of the same type as that associated to an applicator, wherein according to the diameter of the part required by the applicator, the mobile head

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(300) positions the end of a tube (310) of a suitable diameter in front of the outlet orifice of the cartridge (200) storing the parts required.

11. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, wherein the cartridges (200) have a stored part outlet orifice (230), wherein the tubes (310) of the head (300) are positioned parallel to the axes of the outlet orifices (230) of the cartridges (200) storing the parts to be distributed; and wherein via the movement of the said mobile head (300) the parts are positioned coaxially to the axes of the outlet orifices.

12. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, wherein the distribution tubes (310) of the head (300) move from a position where they are moved by means of the mobile head (300) to a position where one of their ends communicates with the cartridge (200) containing the parts to be distributed and vice versa.

13. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, wherein each cartridge (200) is associated to a wait chamber (110) that authorizes the unitary exit of the parts it stores and with which the mobile head (300) communicates.

14. (New) A device (D) according to claim 8, wherein the cartridges (200) are each equipped with a label including means of identification cooperating with one or more reading heads associated to the said distribution head (200) so that the head

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(200) can position the end of the correct tube (310) coaxially to the outlet of the correct cartridge (200).